

Green Spaces Report

Hemswell Cliff is very fortunate to have many quality, well maintained public green spaces that in the main, are accessible to the community. To be sustainable, any future growth in the village should include additional recreational facilities to enhance health and social wellbeing within the Parish.

Having previously been a MOD facility, there are no public footpaths within the Parish although there are many public rights of way and public space facilities available to the village.

There are four principle areas used for play and recreation

- a) Small play park on Minden Place with limited climbing and play equipment used by younger children (Figs 1 and 2)



Fig 1



Fig 2

b) Large field with Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) (Ball Park) to the northwest, open spaces used for walking, playing football, social space for village events and in the east, a large play park with large pieces of play equipment (Fig 3-7)



Fig 3



Fig 4



Fig 5



Fig 6



Fig 7

c) Privately owned, large field used for Sunday Market on the western edge of housing, used by walkers Figs 8 and 9



Fig 8



Fig 9

- d) Area of land north of James Place that has been identified as suitable for allotments for the use of local people to grow their own food (fig 10)



Fig 10

There is also a large area of privately owned land on Lancaster Green which is not publicly available but which is a significant green space within the village. Due to covenant of the land, it will never be developed Fig 11



Fig 11

Policy for public open space:

1. All new developments shall seek to preserve, and where possible, enhance the green spaces as identified in the Hemswell Cliff Master Plan.
2. Wherever possible, any development proposing the creation of new green spaces shall be:
 - accessible to all;
 - easy to maintain;
 - comply with safety signage;
 - encourage the creation of wildlife habitats; and
 - offer spaces and facilities to be used by neighbouring communities.

No.	Name/Location	Adjacent to existing properties?	Local or community value	Recreational value	Wildlife value	Size Ha (approx.)
1.	Minden Place Play Area	Surrounded on all sides by properties and Minden Place	Village play area for younger children.	Climbing frame and play equipment offering safe play area for young children.		
2.	Large field approached from Capper Avenue.	Large parcel of land with disused community centre to the north, the road to the business park to the west, housing on both south and east sides.	Open Space with play park containing large pieces of play equipment, MUGA on site of old ball park. Large field used	Main village open space for social use by all residents of Hemswell Cliff.	Many mature trees offering habitat for nesting birds.	

			for football and other games, land available for walking and community events.			
3.	Large privately field to the west of the village	Commercial site adjacent to Hangar 1.	Monday to Saturday site available to dog walkers and other people seeking exercise.	Land available for village use by generosity of land owner.		
4.	Lane north of James Road	School grounds on north side. Housing for James Road to the south and fields to the east.	Area of land earmarked for allotments to allow locals to grow their own food.	Currently used by locals for dog walking etc.		
5.	Lancaster Green	Bounded on three sides by hosing and on the north west side by Hemswell Court.	This is a private space not available to non residents but much valued by residents for the peaceful view and neighbourhood get together.	Private residents enjoy the use of space for play and barbecues. Land will not be available for development due to covenants on it.	Mature trees, cherry, rowan and crab apply ring the perimeter of the green providing roosting, nesting and food for the birds.	